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PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO KERALA .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the State Government of Kerala seeking special assistance to solve the present financial crisis in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Kerala sought Rs.300 crore for capital investment before the finalization of Annual Plan 2001-02. Apart from this, the State Government has sought Rs.300 crore additional SLR based market borrowings for the Annual Plan 2001-02 to overcome the difficult financial position of the State. Further, Kerala Government requested a change in funding pattern of National Slum Development Scheme as a 100% Grant scheme from the existing pattern of 70:30 loan and grant proportion.

(c) The request of Rs.300 crore for capital investment was also considered while finalizing the Annual Plan 2001-02 at the level of Rs.3015 crore. In respect of the request of Rs.300 crore additional SLR based market borrowings, based on the Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programme of the State Government, an additional allocation of Rs.200 crore has been allowed to the Government of Kerala for the year 2001-02. In the case of National Slum Development Scheme, the pattern of funding could be changed only after taking a policy decision at the national level.